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1. PRESENT PLANNING OF HONG KONG HOST CHAMBER IS TO ARRANGE AGENDA FOR APCAC MEETING TO BRING UP FIRST THOSE TOPICS IN WHICH DEP. ASST. SECY. MILLER WOULD BE INTERESTED. THESE INCLUDE:

(A) TRADE RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA STATES

POSITION PAPER UPDATES SITUATION (REFTEL) AND CHAMBER PLANS TO ASK FOR FURTHER APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCIAL CONTACTS. A THAI CHAMBER RESOLUTION SKIPS THE CONCEPT OF RECIPROCAL ACTS AND ASKED FOR A UNILATERAL LIFTING OF US TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

(B) U.S. TRADE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE

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PRC AND THE ROC

CHAMBER DOES NOT PLAN TO INTRODUCE ANYTHING NEW
ON THIS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE SUBJECT IS DEAD FOR PRESENT.
HOWEVER, IT WOULD SUPPORT EXPECTED TAIWAN CHAMBER RESOLUTION
THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC SHOULD NOT BE
ALLOWED TO ENDANGER US ECONOMIC POSITION IN ROC.

(C) OECD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

CHAMBER WILL OPPOSE EXPECTED JAPANESE CHAMBER
RESOLUTION THAT APCAC CHAMBERS WILL SUPPORT THE OECD GUIDE-
LINES. CHAMBERS ARE FRANKLY FLOUNDERING ON THIS ONE AND
WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE SOME DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE.

(D) DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING AND OPERATIONS

APCAC IS AWARE OF THIS OLD TURKEY'S LACK OF APPEAL
AND MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO A SUGGESTION THAT EXISTING
ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ARE CAPABLE OF
PROVIDING OVERALL POLICY GUIDANCE AND INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONAL
CONTROL. THEY MIGHT EVEN CONCEDE THAT A NEW EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT WOULD GUARANTEE OVERLAP, ELEVATE CONTENTION, AND
COMPOUND CONFUSION.

(E) CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

SEVERAL CHAMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO POINT OUT THAT
THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE HONOLULU COM CONFERENCE WAS SO
LIMITED AS TO MAKE THESE EVENTS SCARCELY WORTHWHILE.

(F) TAX ALLOWANCES

ALTHOUGH CONGRESS IS UNLIKELY TO GET TO TAX REFORMS
THIS YEAR, THE BUSINESSMEN STILL FEEL THREATENED BY THE
POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF THEIR \$20/25,000 OVERSEAS EXEMPTION.
THE HONG KONG CHAMBER WILL SEEK SUPPORT FOR AN APCAC
RESOLUTION THAT WOULD ASK FOR BUSINESSMEN THE SAME EXEM-
PTIONS ON ALLOWANCES THE USG(STATE) HAS SO FAR SUCCESS-
FULLY DEFENDED. IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY PIGGYBACK ON THE
SPIRITED USG DEFENSE, THE BUSINESSMEN WANT AN ADVANCE COPY
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OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE WHICH ASST. SECY.
HABIB SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET FOR THEM. THEY HAVE BEEN
TOLD IT IS NOT COMPLETED, BUT THEY WILL ASK AGAIN.

(G) EFFECTIVENESS IN WASHINGTON

NOT AN AGENDA TOPIC, BUT IT WILL ENTER IN DISCUS-
SIONS. THE BUSINESSMEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE ON HOW

TO ENHANCE THEIR LOBBYING.

(H) BUSINESS BRIBES AND THE DISCLOSURE POLICY

A POSSIBLE LAST-MINUTE AGENDA TOPIC AND BOUND
TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS. THE BUSINESSMEN ARE IN EMBARRASSED
DISARRAY ON THIS ONE AND WOULD WELCOME ANY INDICATION OF
WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN MIND TO INSULATE OUR FOREIGN
POLICY FROM THE EFFECT OF DISCLOSURES OF BRIBERY.

2. THESE TOPICS, AMONG OTHERS, WILL BE DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH
NOT IN THAT ORDER, DURING THE SATURDAY MEETINGS WHEN
MR. MILLER IS TO BE PRESENT. HIS INTERVENTION IS EXPECTED
AND WELCOMED.

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